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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Subject: CIA Representation on the United States  
Strike Command Staff (U)Reference: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
Memorandum, dated 19 October 1963

1. This is to acknowledge receipt of the referenced memorandum wherein you concurred in the desirability of providing CIA Representation to the Staff of the United States Strike Command. Additionally, the nomination of CIA Representatives contained therein has been noted.

2. A conference relative to the subject was convened at this headquarters on 22 October 1963, attended by representatives of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Central Intelligence Agency, US Strike Command, and Defense Intelligence Agency. The CIA Representative at this conference, Mr. James H. Critchfield, proposed the assignment of a CIA-Commander Designate and War Planner to the US Strike Command to be stationed in Washington. In addition, Mr. Critchfield proposed the assignment of a CIA Representative to be stationed at US Strike Command Headquarters. He further stated that the CIA would establish a war-room in Washington, connected to US Strike Command Headquarters with a high-speed, high capacity communications system in order that the Washington office could be immediately responsive.

3. The US Strike Command Representative at the conference was requested to acquaint the Commander in Chief, US Strike Command with the views expressed by Mr. Critchfield. Thereafter, the Commander in Chief, US Strike Command should inform the Joint Chiefs of Staff of his requirements for CIA support.

JCS review(s) completed.

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4. In view of the foregoing, and until such time as the views of Commander in Chief, US Strike Command are known, action upon the reference will be held in abeyance.

*A. H. Manhart*

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Major General, USA  
Deputy Director

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*Major General Ashton Markhart*

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director, Joint Staff,  
The Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT: CIA Representation on the United States  
Strike Command Staff

REFERENCE: [redacted] dated 20 September 1963

1. This will acknowledge your request contained in Reference for the assignment of a CIA Representative to CINCSTRIKE. In view of the proposed assumption of a geographical area of responsibility to the Strike Command, I concur on the desirability of such an assignment.

2. I propose to transfer [redacted] from his present post [redacted] to Headquarters USSTRICOM at MacDill AFB, Florida. A biography of [redacted] is attached (Attachment A).

3. This Agency had previously named Mr. James H. Critchfield as Commander-Designate, CIA Force Middle East under CINCSBLM. I would now like to nominate Mr. Critchfield as Commander-Designate of a new combined CIA Force Middle East/Southern Asia-Africa South of the Sahara (CIA MEAFSA), subject to concurrence of the JCS and CINCSTRIKE. His biography is attached (Attachment B).

4. I have named Mr. Critchfield as Senior War Planner for the Middle East/Southern Asia and Africa South of the Sahara, and [redacted] as his Deputy for Africa South of the Sahara to become effective on final approval of the CINCSTRIKE implementing plan for assumption of responsibilities for their areas. A Deputy Senior War Planner for the Middle East/Southern Asia will be designated at a later date. It is requested that you notify CINCSTRIKE of these appointments and pass to him the attached statement of their functions (Attachment C).

5. Mr. Critchfield will represent this Agency in working out with CINCSTRIKE the detailed arrangements for CIA representation at his headquarters. I understand that Mr. Critchfield

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is in touch with the JCS which is taking steps to initiate contact between him and CINCSTRIKE.

6. Because the geographic area for which CINCSTRIKE is assuming responsibility, including those related to WAP, cold war and counter-insurgency activities, involves with CIA the responsibilities of two area divisions of the Clandestine Services, both Mr. Critchfield who heads our Middle East - Southern Asia operations and [redacted] who is responsible for Africa operations will be involved in the substantive matters of current intelligence support to CINCSTRIKE and the coordination of various cold war activities.

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7. The CIA Representative at USSTRICOM Headquarters will be the principal point of contact for matters of mutual interest to this Agency and CINCSTRIKE. He will specifically represent the Agency Middle East - Southern Asia and Africa area chiefs on current matters, the Commander-Designate CIA MEAFSA, and the CIA Senior War Planner MEAFSA.

8. The comments or concurrences of the JCS and CINCSTRIKE on the assignment of [redacted] as CIA Representative to USCINCSTRIKE and on the nomination of Mr. Critchfield as Commander-Designate of CIA Force Middle East / Southern Asia Africa South are requested.

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(Signed) Marshall S. Carter

Marshall S. Carter  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Deputy Director

3 Attachments: A, B, and C

Signature Recommended:

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A/ Deputy Director (Plans) Date

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